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report on Welzow
airfield which gives information under the following headings: (1)
Aircraft Count, (2) Aircraft Markings, (3) Personnel, (4) Fuel
Deliveries, (5) Arrival of Crates, and (6) Runway Extension.

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Air

WELZOW AIRFIELD. (1 Mar - 17 Apr 56)

AIRCRAFT ORDER OF BATTLE

1. AIRCRAFT COUNT

(a) 17 Apr 56

(b) (i) 34 plus x IL 28s.

(ii) 4 x LI 2s.

The 34 visible IL 28s are parked on the apron in front of Flying Control, but an uncounted number are also dispersed round the taxi track.

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3. PERSONNEL

- (a) 2,000 S.A.F. are estimated to be at the airfield.
- (b) Of these, 400 are young airmen locally reported to have arrived straight from U.S.S.R. during March 1956.
- (c) Officers as well as airmen have been confined to camp. Local gossip attributes this measure to the station commander, following squabbles between officers and airmen when the latter objected to discrimination in favour of officers in February.

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4. FUEL DELIVERIES

- (a) Between 8 and 12 fuel tankers have arrived by rail at every weekend since the beginning of March, with an estimated total on each occasion of 240,000 litres. This is estimated to represent an increase of 25% on fuel supplies between December and February.
- (b) Flying activity has also been heavier, mainly local flying.

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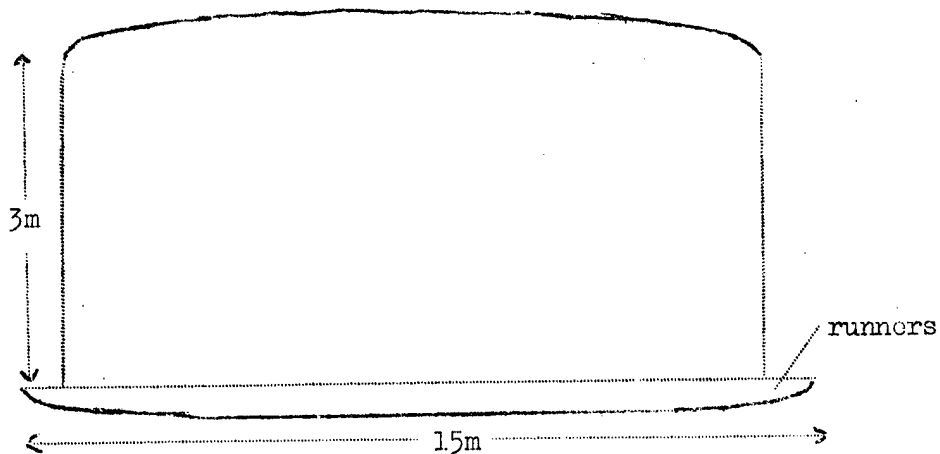
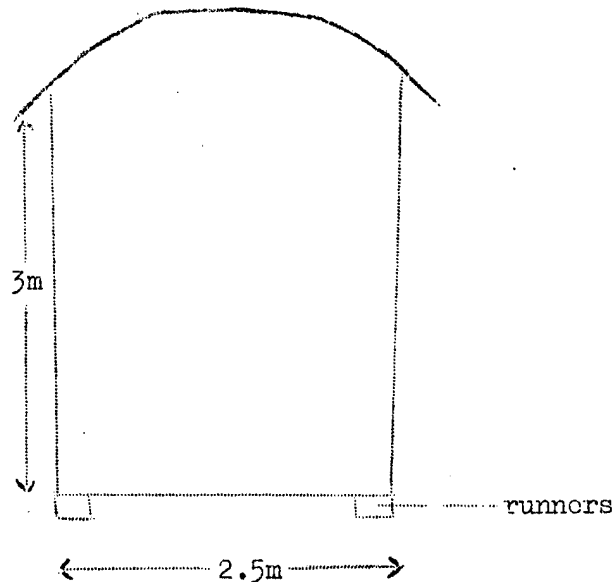
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CRATES

- (a) On 17 Apr 56 flatcars brought 12 large crates 15m x 3m x 2.5m to the airfield by rail. The roofs of the crates were rounded. Sleigh runners were attached to the base.
- (b) One of these crates had a door at the rear and a window aperture at each side. Some planks or benches were observed inside. The remaining crates were completely enclosed. Sight was lost of them after they were towed to the airfield.

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Side ViewRear View

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RUNWAY EXTENSION

Building materials are being assembled for an extension to the runway.

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